(f) if not, what are the reasons there-
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THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) The first meeting of the loint Committee reconstitute^ pursuant to the elections in the different '-nits was held in March, 1978. At the time of reconstitution it was jointly agreed tint the tenure of Che committee would be two years.

(c) Due to lack of consensus in the labour side legarding made of determining the representation, it has not been possible to reconstitute the Committee.

(d) Yes, Sir.

fe) and (f) The company has been advised that the loint Committee has been functioning on a voluntary basis and a solution to the problem of ^presentation may b? found by the monasemeot through consultation with the parties.

Posting of husband and wife at the same Station

3342. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the guidelines for the post ing of husband and wife at the same station issued by the Ministry of Person nel, Public Grievances and Pensions are being followed in practice by both the Departments of Posts and Telecommuni cations;

(b) if so, whether any percentage of vacancies has been earmarked for obser vance of these guidelines;

if not. what are the rea ons there for:

(d) whether application from the persons covered under this policy for posting at the same stations are invited before making promotions|lransfers *inter-alia* from persons promoted to Iunior|Senior scales of Posts and Telegr.iph Accounts and Finance service group 'A'; and

(ej if no'., what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Yes, Sir, as fir as it is administratively pract^a*le.

(b) No, Sir.

fe) Earmarking of vacancies for such categories of o.hcials is not possible as the demands for sarious stations cannot be foreseen. However, all such requests are considered keeping in view the individual as well as public interest.

(d) No Sir.

(e) Applications are npt invited as the.e is no percentage 6f vacancies re served for such cases.

Telegrams Delivered by Post

3343. Dii. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state the percentage of telegrams delivered by post in urban and rural areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): The percentage of telegrams deliveied by post during 1987-88 for the entire country is 0.6. The percentage figures tor urban and rural areas are not maintained separately .

Booking Orders for power equipment by BHEL

3344. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be p'eased to state:

fa) what i; the position of booking orders by BHEL as 'far as power equipment is concerned and

(b) whethe'- it is a fact that it is starved of orders?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) BHEL has got orders totalling to 10,600 MW for Thermal and Hydro Power equipment.

(b) The major portion of the above orders will be executed during 1988-89 and 1989-90. Steps have been taken to